

## SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING INFORMATION OBJECTS

### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

[0052] Embodiments of the present invention can provide a system and method for managing information on a network using an identity index. One embodiment of the present invention can include a software program stored on a computer-readable medium which is operable to associate one or more users with the information objects that define the user. The software program can maintain a "virtual identity" for each user, the virtual identity comprising a list of information objects (e.g., accounts) associated with the user and the identities of resources at which the information objects can be found. In one embodiment of the present invention, the list of information objects can include an information object identifier (e.g., a native key or an arbitrary identifier meaningful to the resource at which the corresponding information object can be found) for each information object. The software program can also maintain a resource definition for each identified resource. The resource definition can include a set of connection parameters that can be used by the software program to connect to the corresponding resource. Based on the resource definition and the information object identifier (e.g., the native key for the information object), embodiments of the present invention can connect to each resource and locate the information objects on those resources.